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Nikolay Gabrilovich Drosdov celebrated his 50th birthday in May 1950. He graduated from the Electrical Engineering Faculty of the Institute of National Economy imeni Plekhanov in Moscow (1929). While carrying on his studies at this institute, he took a course at the Physicomathematical Faculty of Moscow University.

In 1929, Drozdov was accepted as postgraduate student (aspirant) in the Chair of High-Voltage Engineering and worked under Professor B. I. Ugrimov. At the same time he worked, first as shop engineer in the "Izolit" Plant, and later (until 1932) in the insulation sector of VFO All-Union Electrical Engineering Society? In September 1932 he turned to scientific and pedagogical work in MEI (Moscow Power Engineering Institute) in the newly organized Chair of Electrical Material Studies.

In 1934, he defended his candidate's dissertation, "The Effect of Corona Discharges on Mineral Oil," which was of practical interest and laid the basis for the construction of a pilot plant. In 1934, Drozdov became a docent and taught a new course at MEI, "Electrical Engineering Materials." Simultareously, he took an active part in organizing and equipping the Laboratory of Electrical Material Studies at MEI. In 1940 he took an active part in establishing a course of studies in electrical insulation techniques at the MEI.

The Chair of Electrical Material Studies (MEI) has trained about 70 engineers who are working successfully in plants of the electrical industry, in the MPSS (Ministry of the Communications Equipment Industry), in various scientific research institutes, and in the Academy of Sciences USSR.

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For the las+ 12 years, N. G. Drozdov has been working on safety measures to combat static electricity in industrial enterprises. He has written two monographs on the subject, "Static Electricity in Industry" (in 1948), and has published articles in <u>Elektrichestvo</u>, <u>Kauchuk</u>, and other journals.

In 1947, he defended his doctor's dissertation, devoted to the nature of static electricity in dielectrics, and in the same year gained the title of professor. He has headed the Chair of Electrical Material Studies at MEI since 1946.

While carrying on his work in science and pedagogy, Drozdov has been active in the party's political and social work and has repeatedly been named to the Party Committee of MKI.

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